(*b*) have the Government considered about the possibilities of starting any major industries in the State ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* :

(*a*) Yes, the constitution of an Expert Committee as a first step to enquire into the possibilities of starting major industries in the State is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*) above.

MEDICAL AND ENGINEERING COLLEGES—RESERVATION OF SEATS

60. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—in view of the great difficulty to get admissions to the Medical and Engineering Colleges in Madras, will Government be pleased to secure more seats for Cochinites in these two colleges ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Government addressed the Madras Government in this matter and they intimated that it is not possible to raise the quota for Cochin.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Was this answer made after the increase in the number of students to be admitted in the Engineering and Medical Colleges.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Covernment)*: Only recently this Government addressed the Madras Government requesting that two more seats may be reserved.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : Do you know the date when the Madras Government increased the number of seats reserved in the Engineering Colleges.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : There is no information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the Government not aware that in this July when the College began to work they have increased the number.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The number of students to be admitted after July has been increased to 30 or 40 more. Has the Government addressed them after that ?

Mr. C. J. Mathaw *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They were addressed before.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know the number of applications for selection both in the Medical and Engineering Colleges ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It will be between 18 and 20. The Government have enquired and requested other Universities also whether they could admit our students. The request have been made to the Bombay Medical College. The Lucknow Medical Colleges and the Calcutta Medical College.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : May I know whether the Government is aware that there is an Engineering College in the Aligarh University.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know Sir, whether the Government ever engaged their attention on the question of starting such colleges in the State ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Does the Covernment concede that it was once considered and given up.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : May I know whether the Government is aware that the Madras Government is going to have one more Medical College.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to request the Madras Government to shift the Medical College to Ernakulam.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Ernakulam is not a part of the Madras Province. So, they may not agree.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Government be pleased to look into the possibilities of starting Engineering and Medical Colleges in the State ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : It is not an easy thing. Any how, the matter can be considered.

LAND ACQUISITION CASES—PENDENCY OF

61. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of land acquisition cases pending disposal in 1119 ;

(*b*) how many of them are over three years, two years and one year pending ?

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